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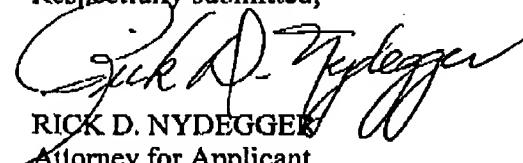
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| A5.               | WO 00/54206     | 09/14/00   | PCT/IB                   | G06F  | 19/00     | Yes          |

References Cited by Applicants

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